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MONUMENT FOR SPY UNVEILED IN RUSSIA

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The Soviet Union has built its first public monument to a secret agent, Richard Sorge, who led a Russian spy ring in Japan from 1933-41.

Sorge warned Moscow of the German invasion but was captured and executed by the Japanese. His role was revealed to the Soviet public for the first time in 1964 and he has since been commemorated in a Moscow street name and by a special postage stamp.

The monument to Sorge, in Baku, capital of the Soviet Republic of Azerbaijan, where he spent part of his boyhood, was unveiled to mark the 36th anniversary of the surrender of Nazi Germany.